

An Extract of the Registers of the Resolutions
of the High and Mighty Lords, the States
General of the United Provinces, of the
Netherlands.

Thursday the 14th. October. 1688!

After having heard the Report of the *Sieurs de Heeckeren*, and the other Deputies of their Lordships for Forreign Affairs, who in order to the performing their Resolution of the 11th of this Month, have seen and examined the Memorial of which the *Marquis d'Albeville*, Envoy Extraordinary of His Majesty of *Great Brittain*, had presented unto them the 8th of the last Month, and on the 6th of this instant, mentioned more at large in the Acts of the said Day, and having thereupon maturely deliberated, their Lordships have thought fit, and resolved to return in Answer to the said *Marquis d'Albeville*, That their Lordships having seen the Declaration, which the *French Ambassador* had made them as well by Word of Mouth, as in Writing in a Publick Audience, the 9th of *September* last, That His Most Christian Majesty had the strictest Engagements of Friendship and Alliance with His Majesty of *Great Brittain*, as is expres'd in the said Declaration, their Lordships do believe they have reason to demand a more plain and clear Explanation of the matter in Terms more agreeable and civil. And since it has pleas'd His Majesty of *Great Brittain*, most seriously to disclaim them, (as prejudicial to this State) they do declare, That they neither have had, nor have any Intention to enter into a War with His Majesty, or with the *English Nation*, for whom they have the most dear Regard; and that there is no People with whom they more heartily desire to live in a cordial and sincere Friendship with, than with His Majesty and the said Nation. That with the greatest Regret they have seen and observed, how those who envy such their Happiness, have endeavoured to excite in His Majesty great Discontents towards this State, and to give him publick Marks of it, such their Malice; because they see, to their great Grief, the Discontents which the irregular Conduct of some Men have given to the Nation, as well in regard of the Reformed Religion, as of the Liberty and Security of the Nation. That their Lordships do wish nothing more than to see the said Discontents sincerely and absolutely taken away, the Reformed Religion maintained and establish'd, and the Liberty of the Nation preserved; to the end that His Majesty and the Nation, may thus re-enter into a good Understanding and Confidence in each another, and that they do Sincerely and in Truth protest, That they have no other End or Design, than the desired Quiet of His Majesties Kingdoms, and his Powerful Co-operating with them for the Preservation of the Peace of *Nimeguen*, and the Treaties which have since followed.

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